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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION MAILED ON AUGUST 25, 2006

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated August 25, 2006, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on November 25, 2006, please enter this response and consider the amended claims in the application for the reasons discussed below. While no fees are believed due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/AUTO/0512.C1/JKS for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

The pending claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.